

HOUSE RESOLUTION 120

By Turner

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Charles Tomas Clarin Washington, 2017 Valedictorian of Ridgeway High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Charles Tomas Clarin Washington is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2017 graduating class at Ridgeway High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Washington achieved outstanding academic success and joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Charles Washington earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including National Honor Society, which he served as president; Model United Nations, which he served as vice president; Wordsmith Team, which he served as captain; and *Abriendo Puertas*, which he served as secretary; and

WHEREAS, gifted in the art of music, Mr. Washington played first chair French horn, mellophone, and flugelhorn; and

WHEREAS, excelling outside the classroom, Charles Washington played on the tennis team, and he is a third degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and a brown belt in Judo; and

WHEREAS, wanting to do more for his community, Mr. Washington has also served on the Executive Board of the Shelby County Mayor's Youth Council as well as the Tennessee Youth Court Program; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Charles Washington received the Ridgeway High School's Athlete Scholar Award and the Marine Corps' "Semper Fidelis" Award for musical excellence; and

WHEREAS, his display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Washington's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Booker T. and Gemma C. Washington, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Charles Washington's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of the members of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and honor the 2017 Ridgeway High School Valedictorian, Charles Tomas Clarin Washington, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.